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Chapter 12. Record of Adoption

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Records

Sec. 1. For each adoption and for each annulment or revocation of adoption decreed by an Indiana court, the clerk of the court shall prepare a record on a form prescribed and furnished by the state department of health. The record must include the following:

- (1) All facts necessary to:
 - (A) locate and identify the certificate of birth of the individual adopted; and
 - (B) establish a new certificate of birth for the individual adopted.
- (2) Official notice from the court of the fact of adoption, including identification of the court action and proceedings.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11.

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Information for new birth records

Sec. 2. (a) The official decree of each:

- (1) adoption; or
- (2) annulment or revocation of adoption;

that is provided to the clerk of the circuit court for the official order book record must set forth all pertinent information that is necessary to make possible the establishment of the birth records prescribed by section 1 of this chapter.

(b) The completion of the record is a prerequisite to the issuance of a certificate of final adoption by the court.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11.

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Forwarding of records and reports to state department of health

Sec. 3. Not later than the tenth day of each calendar month, the clerk of the court shall forward to the state department of health records of decrees of:

- (1) adoption; or
- (2) annulment, revocation, or amendment of adoption;

entered in the preceding month, together with related reports required by the state department of health.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11.

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Adoption records for individuals born outside Indiana

Sec. 4. (a) When the state department of health receives from a court a record of:

- (1) adoption; or
- (2) annulment, revocation, or amendment of adoption;

for an individual born outside of Indiana, the state department of health shall forward the record to the appropriate registration

authority.

(b) If the registration authority fails to supply a certificate of birth in the adoptive status after the expiration of ninety (90) days after the receipt of the record of adoption, the state department of health shall create a delayed registration record of birth in the adoptive status when requested.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11.

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Transfer of adoption records to state registrar

Sec. 5. (a) As used in this section, "record" includes the following:

- (1) A court document.
- (2) A medical record.
- (3) A social or medical history.
- (4) A photograph.
- (5) Correspondence being held for the benefit of:
 - (A) a birth parent;
 - (B) a person who was adopted;
 - (C) an adoptive parent; or
 - (D) a sibling of the person who was adopted.

(b) A child placing agency, governmental entity, or licensed attorney who arranges or facilitates an adoption may, after entry of the adoption decree, transfer an adoption record to the state registrar for inclusion in the adoption history program administered by the state registrar, or, after giving notice to the state registrar, to a transferee agency that assumes responsibility for the preservation of records maintained as part of the adoption history program.

(c) An attorney who complies with this section does not violate attorney-client privilege.

(d) A record maintained or transferred under this section is confidential.

As added by P.L.130-2005, SEC.7.